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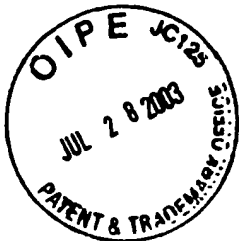
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office action mailed May 20, 2003, in the above-identified case, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously amended) A method of monitoring a patient, comprising the steps of:

placing a pressure pad that is encased in a cover on a resting place for the patient;

energizing the pressure pad, whereby a signal is provided responsive to pressure

above a predetermined pressure being placed on the pressure pad by the patient;

applying pressure above said predetermined pressure to the pressure pad;

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